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SUBJECT: SPANISH PASSPORT FOR IBARRURI

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1. SPANISH CHARGE RECENTLY TOLD POLCOUNS THAT GOS HAS DECIDED TO GIVE PASSPORT TO DOLORC IBARRURI (LA PASIONARIA), AND THAT SHE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT DOCUMENT WILL BE DELIVERED IN MOSCOW (THIS, WHEN WORD GOT TO GOS THAT SHE WAS THINKING OF MOVING TO SOUTHERN FRANCE) AND THAT SHE MUST WAIT UNTIL MID-MARCH TO RECEIVE IT.

2. ON SUBJECT OF VISA ISSUANCE BY SPANISH EMBASSY (REFTEL) AND SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION FOR SPANISH CIVIL WAR EXILES,
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SPANISH CHARGE SAID THAT HE UNAWARE OF ANY DELAYS ON SOVIET SIDE OTHER THAN BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS. HE NOTES THAT OF ESTIMATED 6,000 CIVIL WAR REFUGEES (PLUS FAMILIES) IN SOVIET UNION, ABOUT 4,000 HAVE BEEN GIVEN VISAS (OR PASSPORTS) AND HAVE EITHER MOVED TO SPAIN OR HAVE MADE VISITS THERE. GOS HAS POLICY OF ISSUING EITHER THIRTY-DAY, NINETY-DAY OR UNLIMITED (IMMIGRANT) VISAS. HE DID

NOTE COMPLICATING FACTOR IN THAT SOME REFUGEES NOW HAVE SOVIET WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO EITHER CANNOT OR WILL NOT RESIDE IN SPAIN AND, HENCE, SOME REFUGEES WHO WOULD PREFER TO RETURN PERMANENTLY TO SPAIN, INSTEAD REMAIN IN USSR, OR ONLY VISIT.

3. COMMENT. WE FIND QUESTION OF TIMING OF ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT TO LA PASIONARIA INTERESTING, SINCE IF GOS IS INTERESTED IN KEEPING PCE ILLEGAL THEY MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE HER UNREPENTANT STALINIST VIEWS BEFORE SPANISH PUBLIC TO COUNTER CARRILLO'S ATTEMPTS TO PAINT NEW IMAGE FOR PCE. WE WOULD INTERPRET GOS REFUSAL TO LET IBARRURI RETURN SOON (OR EVEN TO GET AS CLOSE AS SOUTHERN FRANCE, TO BE EFFORT TO PREVENT HER VIEWS FROM DERAILING EVENTUAL LEGALIZATION, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND UNTIL RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION WOULD HAVE BEEN DECIDED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM FEB 22. NOW THAT COURT HAS DECIDED IT IS INCOMPETENT TO DECIDE ISSUE, WE ARE UNSURE HOW THIS MIGHT AFFECT, IF AT ALL, QUESTION OF PASSPORT FOR IBARRURI. OF COURSE, ONCE PCE LEGALIZED, GOS MAY FIND HER PRESENCE OF VALUE SINCE SHE MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR PCE AMONG LEFTIST PARTIES WITH WHOM CARRILLO WISHES TO WORK.
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